

we need to be increasing our focus on it, not weakening it.

I have respected and admired the work of our three cybersecurity coordinators, the late Howard Schmidt, Michael Daniel, and President Trump's pick, Rob Joyce. I am sorry that their legacy is being tarnished today.

I have introduced legislation with my friend, Mr. LIEU, to reinstate and empower the coordinator position, and I hope that the House moves to take it up quickly. Our national security demands no less.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(Mr. WILLIAMS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize National Police Week, as well as National Peace Officers Memorial Day.

This week allows us to take the time to honor local, State, and Federal officers who have died or have been disabled in the line of duty. This week is an opportunity to pay tribute to the important men and women who have served our country and put our lives in front of their own.

In 2017, 129 officers made the ultimate sacrifice. Of that, one of them lived in the 25th District of Texas that I represent.

Mr. Speaker, I would like everyone to know the name of Deputy Mark Gregory Deibold of the Tarrant County Constable's Office, Precinct 5. Mark's watch ended on Thursday, September 7, 2017. This hero served his community, State, and country well, and he is more than deserving of our praise and recognition.

Thank you for your service, Mark.

May God bless this hero's family.

God bless the United States of America.

In God We Trust.

U.S. MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES

(Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. State Department uses maternal mortality rates as one of its key metrics for evaluating how much a country values its women. By our own standards, the United States is failing that test as we rank just 47th for maternal mortality rate—the highest of any developed nation—and we remain one of the few countries that is actually seeing its rate of maternal mortality increase.

Our medical technology leads the world, and we spend more on healthcare than any other nation, but what we need is a commitment—a national commitment—to bringing together the experts, stakeholders, and, yes, resources to end preventable maternal deaths.

That is why I am proud to have introduced the Ending Maternal Mortality Act with Congresswoman JAIME HERREERA BEUTLER. Our legislation requires Federal health officials to develop a national strategy to combat maternal mortality with the goal of halving the rate of maternal mortality in the next decade and eliminating preventable maternal deaths entirely in the next 20 years.

JERUSALEM: THE RIGHTFUL CAPITAL OF ISRAEL

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, for over 3,000 years, the official capital of Israel has been Jerusalem, no matter what the Palestinians say.

Yesterday, the United States officially moved its embassy to Jerusalem, but the terrorist group Hamas and Iran object to Jerusalem being designated as the capital of Israel. So do the arrogant French and a few other European and Middle Eastern countries.

But every nation decides for themselves where their capital should be, and wouldn't France be indignant if the world community demanded that Versailles be the capital of France rather than Paris?

The anti-Semitic capital uproar is just another example of how these nations do not believe Israel has the right to exist. Israel's government is located in Jerusalem. Our new embassy recognizes that fact.

Thanks to President Trump's bold leadership, the United States will no longer deny Israel's self-determined right to have Jerusalem as its political, cultural, and spiritual center of the Jewish state—whether the rest of the world likes it or not.

And that is just the way it is.

INFRASTRUCTURE WEEK

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, this week is Infrastructure Week. With every day that passes, the need for Federal infrastructure investment grows more and more urgent. Robust and reliable infrastructure is the foundation for economic success and security. But for too long, the United States has underinvested in our infrastructure.

Today our bridges, our roads, our tunnels, our canals, and even our dams are crumbling. It is so bad that the American Society of Civil Engineers gives our Nation's infrastructure a grade of D. That is really a shame.

All across this great country, our constituents are begging us to rebuild America's infrastructure. Instead of that, the President has put forth a plan that will sell off Main Street to Wall Street and his rich friends.

Mr. Speaker, that is not going to work for the American people. My col-

leagues and I have a trillion-dollar plan that will rebuild bridges and roads. It would fix our airports and schools, and it would put 16 million people to work.

That is what the American people deserve.

HEART SHIELD BIBLE

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rick Mansfield, an airman in the U.S. Air Force and Vietnam veteran from the town of Vienna in Oneida County. He recently gave me a World War II artifact belonging to Sergeant Joseph J. Benenati. It is called a Heart Shield Bible, and I have it in my hand.

These are now fading from use, and this particular one is very faded. It has a gold-leaf steel cover with the words "God's Weapon" engraved on the front.

Sergeant Benenati was a New York State police officer and U.S. marine who served in the Pacific theater, and he was the Chenango County sheriff in my district for 21 years. Sadly, in 2011, at the age of 97, Sergeant Benenati passed away.

Sergeant Benenati's Heart Shield Bible is one that was given to World War II soldiers by their loved ones to protect them in battle. These Bibles were designed to fit securely in the chest pocket of a soldier's uniform. The metal plates were securely attached to the front cover of the Bible to stop a bullet from reaching the soldier's heart.

I would like to thank Rick Mansfield for giving me this truly invaluable piece of history. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to former airman Rick Mansfield as well as Sergeant Joseph Benenati for their honorable service to our great Nation.

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IS PROTECTING CHILDREN'S HEALTH

(Mr. MCEACHIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MCEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, more than 24 million people in the United States are affected by asthma. Of that, more than 6 million are children. The children who live with asthma must limit their physical activities or even miss schooldays because of lung disease that is linked to outdoor air pollution. But if we act now, future generations will not have to face such a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on our Nation's leaders to protect human health and promote a healthy environment for this generation and the next.

Last month I introduced the Healthy Environment for Children Act because our children deserve an environment that will not hurt, hinder, or force them to live indoors. The Healthy Environment for Children Act would prohibit any reduction, consolidation, or